

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

10/828,884

Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Pre-Appeal Brief request for review filed on December 06<sup>th</sup>, 2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-19 and 31-40.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2006

## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Response to Applicant's Pre-Appeal Brief request for review***

1. The final rejection as set forth in paper No. (20060902) mailed on September 06<sup>th</sup>, 2006 is withdrawn in response to Applicant's Pre-Appeal Brief request for review filed on December 06<sup>th</sup>, 2006. Claims (1-19 and 31-40) are pending in the application.

### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

2. Claims 1-19 and 31-40 are allowed over prior art of record.

### ***Reasons For Allowance***

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

After further search and consideration of Applicants' Pre-Appeal Brief request for review filed on December 06<sup>th</sup>, 2006 (see Applicant's response in Pages 1 and 2 of the December 06<sup>th</sup>, Pre-Appeal Brief request), it is determined that the prior art of record neither anticipates nor renders obvious the claimed subject matter of the instant application as a whole taken alone or in combination, in particular, prior art of record does not teach "forming each of the differential varactor elements comprising the steps of forming first, second and third N+ doped regions in the same N well; connecting the first, second and third N+ doped regions of the first differential varactor element to receive power having the same first voltage; and connecting the first, second and third N+ doped regions of the second differential varactor element to receive power having the same second voltage, the second voltage being different than the first voltage", as recited in the independent claims 1, 31 and 40, respectively, and "forming of each of the differential varactor elements comprising the steps of forming first, second and third N+ doped

regions in an N well; and connecting the first, second and third N+ doped regions of each of the plurality of differential varactor elements to one each of the nodes, such that the first, second and third N+ doped regions of different ones of the plurality of differential varactor elements are electrically separated by one of the plurality of resistors as recited in independent claim 35.

Claims 2-19, 32-34, and 36-39 also allowed as being directly or indirectly dependent of the allowed independent base claims.

4. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

#### ***Conclusion***

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Khiem D. Nguyen whose telephone number is (571) 272-1865. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday (8:30 AM - 5:30 PM).

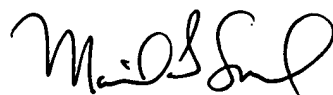
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Matthew S. Smith can be reached on (571) 272-1907. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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